



8P Class Newsletter

Spring term



Our Theme



cinema

Our theme for Spring is 'Let's Go to the Movies'.

Have a look below at how we will be learning about movies across our curriculum!



My Communication

In My Communication, we will be exploring key letters and words linked to learning about movies. We will be learning to recognise the symbols and signs for certain key words linked to acting and drama also. We will be extending our repertoire of play skills so that we can learn how to role-play in our Cinema role-play area.

We will learn about different text types, including: Information Texts, Film Reviews and Play scripts.

We will be working on reading, writing and communication and interaction ALIs across the timetable.



My Thinking and Problem Solving

In My Thinking and Problem Solving, we will be learning essential time facts, essential time-related skills including sequencing daily activities, and learning how to tell and write the time in analogue form, starting with o'clock times. We will cover our number objectives in focused groupings. 8P will be using money in our pretend Cinema in class and learning how to give coins in exchange for a 'ticket'. The children will be encouraged to start to work on identifying coins through this regular role-play. We will be working on number and cognition and learning ALIs across the timetable also.



The World about Me

In The World about Me, we will be learning about digital photography through our movies topic. We will also learn about Light and Sound in our Science lessons. We will teach the children independent skills through our weekly supermarket visits, including a focus on travel training. We will be practising our dressing skills when attending our swimming lesson weekly this half term and when changing for PE after February break.



Me and My Body

In Me and My Body, we will be taking part in lots of physical activities across the timetable. In our PE lessons, we will be focusing on Net and Wall Games at first, then Dance after the February break. In PSHE, we will be covering one of our sex education topics this term. The content of the lessons will be sent each half term via an Edulink message from Miss Buck.



My Community

In My Community, we will be developing our independence in travel around the school and the local community. We will be learning to walk safely with adults into Chorley town centre. We will learn routines when paying for things/experiences in real life! We will be visiting a different supermarket weekly this half term, on Wednesday afternoons. We will alternate between ASDA, Tesco and Morrisons each week. Next half term, we are hoping to be able to do some cinema visits, this depends on if the timings fit but we will keep you updated.



My Creativity

This term, the children will be learning about music, dance and drama, with a particular focus on:

- Learning key My Dance and My Drama skills
- Music of the 20th and 21st centuries, including exploring film music in particular
- Composing and performing basic dance sequences



Things to remember

- ✓ We have PE on a Monday. Please send your child in their PE kits on Mondays for this half term. After the February break, please send your child's PE kit bag in weekly.
- ✓ Swimming is on a Tuesday morning until the February half-term break. Please send in swimming kits on Tuesday each week.
- ✓ We will be going on weekly visit to a supermarket on Wednesdays. We will alternate which supermarket we visit each week. Please send in warm coats and appropriate footwear for walking.
- ✓ Please remember to check Evidence for Learning and the School Website Blog on a weekly basis to see your child's learning across the curriculum.
- ✓ Sharing Our Learning will be on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 1:30 – 2:30 pm. An Edulink form will be sent out nearer the time to see if you can attend.



Key Vocabulary

cinema
film
films
movies
actor
actors
TV
screen
projector
script
music
box office
tickets
cast
customer
costumes
writer
camera
cameras
cameraman

Here are the symbols to support our key vocabulary –

[Let's go to the Movies topic words.pdf](#)



How can you help at home?

There are lots of ways to support your child's learning at home. Have a look at the suggestions below for some ideas:

- ✓ Reading with your child using the resources provided in their Reading Pack.
- ✓ Using key vocabulary, Makaton signs and symbols when communicating with your child.
- ✓ Incorporating your child's Aspirational Learning Intentions into your routine at home.
- ✓ Modelling to your child how to play positively.
- ✓ Taking your child to the shops, where possible, to practise exchanging coins for items.



Home-School Communication

Home-school communication is important to us and helps us to support your child the best that we can.

Here are some different ways to keep in touch...

- ✓ Writing in the home-school diary / emailing me at buckk@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk
- ✓ Please write in your child's diary in the first instance and email Miss Buck only if it's urgent
- ✓ Coming into school for sharing our learning sessions
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts
- ✓ Posting on your child's Evidence for Learning (at home learning and Weekend News photos)